CHAPTER III—REVENUE AND FINANCE.

(i) Revenue and Finance.

Statement showing (i) the Receipts and Disbursements of the State, and (ii) the Demand, Collection and Balance under the principal heads of Revenue for the year 1951-52 are given in Appendix I.

403. As a result of the revised classification of receipts and payments adopted with effect from the year 1951-52 in accordance with the classification adopted in the accounts of the Government of India and Part 'A' States, a complete change has been brought about in the presentation of these figures. It has not therefore been possible to give in juxtaposition the corresponding figures relating to the previous year and to explain the relative variations, as usual.

General Summary.

404. The total Revenue realised during the year was Rs. 1830·52 lakhs and the net expenditure met out of Revenue was Rs. 1834·54 lakhs, resulting in a net deficit of Rs. 4·02 lakhs. The capital expenditure not met out of revenue amounted to Rs. 294·99 lakhs.

405. The total Receipts and Disbursements for the year including Service and Debt heads were Rs. 15474·15 lakhs and Rs. 15420·87 lakhs respectively and the year closed with a cash balance of Rs. 481·20 lakhs.

(ii) Excise.

406. The Mysore Sugar Company, Ltd., Bangalore, continued to be the manufacturing contractors for the supply of liquors, and their contract was extended for a further period of two years from 1st July 1950. Distillery.

The rate of molasses arrack of 35° U.P. payable to the Mysore Sugar Company, Ltd., was increased from ten annas to twelve annas for a period of one year from 1st July 1951 to 30th June 1952.

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407. The rates payable to Mysore Sugar Company, Ltd., from 1st July 1951 to 30th June 1952 for the liquors supplied by them to Government were:

A. Molasses Arrack ... 12 annas per gallon.

B. Special Liquors.—

1. Rs. 3-7-0 per gallon (naked).
2. Rs. 5-0-0 bottling charges per gallon in quart bottles.
3. Rs. 10-0-0 bottling charges per gallon in pint bottles.

Packing charges.—

4. Rs. 6-0-0 per case of eight gallons in quart bottles, or
5. Rs. 6-0-0 per case of six gallons in pint bottles.

Arrack Bonded Depots.

408. There were 20 depots at the beginning of the year. The Depots at Belur and Saklespur were closed from 1st July 1951.

409. The arrangements made for the supply of liquor from the Distillery at Mandya to the several Depots, were the same as in previous years. The right for transporting liquors to Depots at Bangalore, Srirangapatna, Mysore and Hassan was given to carrying contractors after calling for tenders. The Deputy Commissioners made similar arrangements for making supplies to other depots in their Districts.

410. Three private depots for the supply of arrack to the shops of Bangalore City, Taluk and Civil Station area were sanctioned to the licensees.

Arrack and special liquors.

411. The number of shops licensed for the retail vend of molasses arrack was 105 (121), while that for the sale of bottled liquors was 9 (11).

Consumption.

412. The consumption of arrack of 35° U.P. was 313,713 (327,662) gallons, while that of special liquors supplied in bottles was 15,503 (18,632) gallons. The supply of country spirits to shops was not controlled by quotas.

Incidence of consumption.

413. The incidence of consumption of country spirits per hundred of the population was 8·44 (6·02) proof gallons computed in respect of the population of only the Wet Districts of the State.

Rectified spirits licenses.

414. Out of 104 rectified spirits licenses issued during the year, 80 (65) licenses were held by Chemists, Druggists and Charitable Institutions and 16 (16) by Industrial Concerns. Besides, 8 free licenses were issued to hospitals.

Rectified Spirits issued from Distillary.

415. One lakh six thousand three hundred and seventy-five (46,562) gallons of rectified spirits including absolute alcohol were issued from the Mandya Distillery during the year. Of this, 59,335 (35,139) gallons were issued for consumption by licensees in the State, and 47,040 (11,424) gallons were exported outside the State.

416. The Distillery at Mandya continued to be under the control of the Deputy Commissioner, Mandya District.

Medicinal and Toilet preparations.

417. The normal rate of duty on the spirit contents of medicinal preparations, whether manufactured in the State or imported into the State, continued to be Rs. 5 per proof gallon. But in the case of certain medicinal preparations and on culinary ærated waters, other flavouring essences, extracts, colourings and perfumes and toilet preparations, the rate was Rs. 17-8-0 per proof gallon.

418. (1) Messrs. Khoday Ribbon, Carbon and Allied Industries, Bangalore, (2) Messrs. Dasarath and Company, Chamundi Brewery, Mysore, and (3) Messrs. Amrith Laboratories, Ltd., Bangalore, continued to manufacture Indian made Foreign liquors, such as, Brandy, Whisky, Rum, Gin, etc., each under Departmental supervision of one First Grade Excise Assistant Inspector, and two guards.

Imports.

419. A quantity of 837·347 proof gallons of spirituous medicinal preparations were imported into the State.

Exports.

420. The export of spirituous medicinal preparations by the several Bonded Laboratories in the State to places outside the State amounted to 34,561·138016 proof gallons (27,724·051 proof gallons.) Of this, 33,435·078016 proof gallons were subjected to duty, while the balance of 1126·06 proof gallons were free of duty.

Denatured Spirits.

421. Two hundred and thirty-five (111) licenses were issued during the year for the possession and use in the manufacture of polishes, etc., and for sale of denatured spirits.

422. A total quantity of 183,203 (58,820·5) gallons of denatured spirits was issued out of the distillery during the year. Of this, 180,293 gallons were for local consumption and the balance of 2,910 gallons was for export outside the State.

423. The rate of license fee on the issue of denatured spirits from the Distillery continued to be rupee one per imperial gallon. But the denatured or methylated spirit

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issued from the distillery at Mandya, on behalf of the Mysore Sugar Company, Ltd., for export to places outside Mysore State continued to be exempted from payment of license fee.

Molasses Arrack and Special Liquors.

424. A quantity of 3,19,926·17 gallons of Molasses Arrack of 35° U.P.; 30,582 gallons of 20° U.P. and 2,475 gallons of 25° U.P. of special liquors were manufactured in the Distillery during the year.

Toddy.

425. The number of shops for the sale of date and cocoanut toddy was 565 (588), while that for the sale of Bagani toddy was 6 (76). No tree was permitted to be tapped free of tree-tax for domestic consumption during the year.

426. Consequent on the extension of total prohibition throughout the Madras State, no trees were licensed in Mysore for Madras shops or *vice versa*.

427. The revenue from toddy amounted to Rs. 93,16,823 (Rs. 94,51,440) comprising of shop rentals Rs. 84,05,132 (Rs. 84,63,551), tree-tax Rs. 8,83,832 (Rs. 9,44,961) and tree-rent Rs. 26,859 (Rs. 42,928).

428. The number of licenses issued exclusively for sale of country beer was 9 (9).

Beer.

429. The consumption of beer amounted to 128,823 (80,568) gallons during the year. The United Breweries, Ltd., and the Venus Brewery in Bangalore and the Chamundi Brewery in Mysore continued to manufacture beer.

Foreign Liquors.

430. The revenue realised from malt liquors amounted to Rs. 4,46,549 (Rs. 6,01,265).

431. The number of Foreign Liquor licenses renewed was 67. Of these, 12 (12) were Wholesale, 21 (23) Retail off, 10 (9) Hotel, 24 (25) Ordinary Refreshment Room (Bars) licenses.

432. The revenue realised under license and gallonage fees under foreign liquors was Rs. 4,10,199 (Rs. 3,86,196).

433. There were 7,186·58 seers of issuable Ganja in the Provincial Ganja Stores, Bangalore, including 3,903·58 seers of the previous year.

434. The rate of duty per seer of 80 tolas charged to the licensees continued to be Rs. 65 during the year. The number of shops licensed for the sale of Ganja was 68 (74).

435. The revenue derived from ganja amounted to Rs. 11,92,840 (Rs. 10,51,854) comprising of Rs. 7,26,688 (Rs. 6,41,631) under shop rent, Rs. 4,11,156 (Rs, 3,60,055) under duty, and Rs. 54,996 (Rs. 50,168) under sale of ganja. The increase in revenue was due mainly to rentals.

Opium.

436. The issue price of opium from the treasuries to the several licensees in the State continued to be Rs. 175 per seer of 80 tolas as in the previous year.

437. The limit of private possession of opium continued to be one tola.

438. The revenue derived from opium was Rs. 3,97,627 (Rs. 3,85,928) comprising of Rs. 2,84,797 (Rs. 2,42,619) under license fees and Rs. 1,12,829 (Rs. 1,42,310) under gain on sale of opium.

Dangerous drugs.

439. The number of licenses issued under the Dangerous Drugs Rules was 131 (76).

440. India being a signatory to the Geneva Convention, the Government of Mysore have agreed to the progressive reduction in the consumption of Excise opium in the State, during the next nine years at the instance of the Central Government, so that there would be no sale of Excise opium from 1st July 1959. Opium smoking has been forbidden throughout the State except by licensed persons who are certified to be confirmed addicts by an officer not lower in rank than that of a District Medical Officer.

Offences.

441. The total number of offences reported during the year under Excise and Opium Acts was 1,213 (1,276). Of these, 285 (250) related to heinous offences, 74 (40) to the cutting and removal of date trees and leaves and the remaining 854 (986) to the breaches of license conditions.

442. The total number of offences relating to illicit manufacture of toddy was 2 (6). No cases were reported from any other District except Hassan.

443. The number of cases relating to illicit distillation and kindred offences increased from 36 to 57 during the year.

Excise Intelligence Bureau.

444. In addition to the collection and dissemination of information relating to the organised offences, the staff attached to the Bureau detected 9 (7) cases during the year.

445. The periodical publication of the Excise Supplement to the Mysore Police Gazette was continued during

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the year as in previous years. The relationship between the Bureau of the State and those of the other States of the Indian Dominion continued to be cordial.

446. Including the arrears of Rs. 5,17,678 outstanding at the beginning of the year, the total demand of the Excise Revenue amounted to Rs. 2,29,50,864 (Rs. 2,21,38,468). Of this amount, a sum of Rs. 2,17,95,293 (Rs. 2,13,08,935) towards the current demand and Rs. 3,02,246 (Rs. 3,11,855) towards old arrears were collected and no remissions were sanctioned, thus leaving a balance of Rs. 8,53,326 (Rs. 5,17,678) at the close of the year.

447. The percentage of collections to the total demand was 96·3 per cent.

Old arrears.

448. Out of Rs. 5,17,678 outstanding at the beginning of the year, a sum of Rs. 3,02,246 was collected and no remissions were sanctioned.

449. The incidence of taxation per head of population was Rs. 5-13-9 (Rs. 5-11-9) computed in respect of population of the wet districts of the State, excluding the Dry districts.

Drunkenness.

450. Four hundred and thirty-nine (820) persons were convicted for drunkenness.

General.

451. The issue price of Ganja was enhanced from Rs. 7-8-0 to Rs. 10 per seer of 80 tolas from 1st July 1951. From the same date, tree-tax was raised from Rs. 4 to Rs. 5 in the case of date trees and from Rs. 6-8-0 to Rs. 7-8-0 per half-year in the case of cocoanut trees.

452. A health cess at the rate of one anna in the rupee was levied on all items of revenue on which Education Cess was leviable with effect from 8th December 1951.

453. In pursuance of the Policy of introducing prohibition in the State, the two taluks of Belur and Saklespur in the Hassan District were declared dry from 1st July 1951.

454. The scheme of the experiments in prohibition in the Rural Welfare and Health Centre in Ramanagaram and Channapatna Taluks started from 1st July 1938 was continued during the year. There were no Excise shops in these two taluks. Tapping of trees was, however, continued during the year, as in previous years.